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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED DATE OF CONTENT 17 October to 2 November 195325X1 DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 26 November 1953REFERENCES 2PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

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1. On 3 November 1953, the barracks installation at Schumke Lake, Sperenberg, was occupied as previously by about 1,000 to 1,200 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and, a few, red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. On 1 November, source observed unusually intensive training activities. About 16 trucks hauled pontoons to Schumke Lake. The pontoons were unloaded by means of a crane truck and each was launched by 8 soldiers. Coupling of pontoons was practiced at the lake. Between 28 October and 2 November, troops were daily seen at drill and infantry training. The tanks, which had repeatedly been observed, were no longer seen, whereas the tank truck column which included up to 11 tank-trucks with trailers, was repeatedly observed.

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2. On 17 October, about 120 troops with gas masks on left the installation at Schumke Lake toward the firing range. The motorboats previously seen in the barracks area were still there. On 19 October, about 50 tank trucks were in the barracks area.

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On 24 October, about 80 troops engaged in firing and physical training.

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3. Between 19 and 23 October, about 150 to 250 troops almost daily engaged in physical training in the Eisenbahn Pionier Kaserne in Klausdorf. On 21 October, 4 x 85-mm AA guns and 2 x 37-mm AA guns were seen in the barracks area. In the afternoon of 23 October, intensive firing with rifles and light machine guns was observed at the firing range.

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4. On 25 October, many detonations were heard from the Kummersdorf firing range.

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5. On 30 October, the Artillerie Kaserne at the Kummersdorf firing range was occupied as previously by about 3,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia; and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 17 and 30 October, troops observed in the barracks area engaged in fatigue duty and drill. Most of the trucks were still in the installation. On 25 and 26 October, about 250 to 300 troops with tools left the quartering area and engaged in demolition practices in the bomb-release area at the firing range. Between 17 and 30 October, about 300 to 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and equipped with 2 antitank rifles daily engaged in exercises in the restricted area west of the Kummersdorf-Sperenberg railroad line. About 25 to 30 trucks were daily seen at driving school practices. [redacted]

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[redacted] 6. On 23 October, the Eisenbahn Pionier Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops. All sheds were occupied to capacity. [redacted]

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[redacted] 7. Between 26 and 30 October, 6 x 85-mm AA guns were seen at the parking lot of the Eisenbahn Pionier Kaserne and, on 28 October, service of the piece drill was observed there. On 30 October, the installation was occupied by about 700 to 800 troops and a headquarters. Source noted that unusually many new-looking sedans arrived at, and left from, the headquarters. The general's billets on the other side of the railroad station were occupied. Sedans were controlled by sentries. [redacted]

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8. On 30 October, source believed that the barracks installation at Schumke Lake was occupied only by a cadre unit. Source did not observe any drill or training activities. A new vehicle shed was almost completed near the pontoon shed at the lake. [redacted]

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